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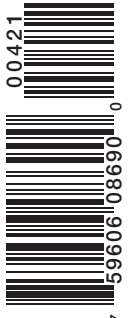


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Daniel Rand was orphaned in the mystical city of K'un-Lun as a child. There, he grew up to conquer a series of trials to become the Iron Fist: K'un-Lun's chi-fueled defender of the innocent. Recently, while away from K'un-Lun living his other life as Danny Rand, K'un-Lun was attacked and destroyed, severing his connection to K'un-Lun's chi, and his powers...

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Danny entered a kung fu tournament against the seven masters of Liu-Shi--a mysterious island steeped in the traditions of K'un-Lun. Choshin, a member of the island's council, recruited Danny, claiming the Iron Fist's participation would confer legitimacy on Liu-Shi's fighters and promising Danny the chance to absorb the chi of any master he defeats. Now Danny has defeated three masters, and Choshin, acting on dark, ulterior motives, sent men to murder Danny's guide, Hark, then capture and frame Danny for the deed. Badly outnumbered, Danny couldn't save Hark and seemed doomed himself until an unknown savior appeared...

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DANIEL RAND-KAI HAS **KILLED** HARK.

WE OFFERED HIM A CHANCE TO **PROVE** HIMSELF, AND INSTEAD HE HAS **ATTACKED** AND **KILLED** AN INNOCENT.

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE, CHOSHIN. **WHY** WOULD HE DO THAT? IT SERVES HIM **NO PURPOSE**.



I CANNOT PRETEND TO KNOW WHAT GOES ON **INSIDE** OF THE MIND OF THAT **MURDERER**, PATIENCE.

I ONLY **KNOW** WHAT QUAN AND MY MEN **SAW** AND **REPORTED**.

PERHAPS HE FINALLY APPRECIATES THE **MAGNITUDE** OF THE TRIAL AND KNOWS THAT THERE IS NO WAY FOR HIM TO WIN. MAYBE HE **KILLED** HIS GUIDE SO THAT HE COULD **ESCAPE**.

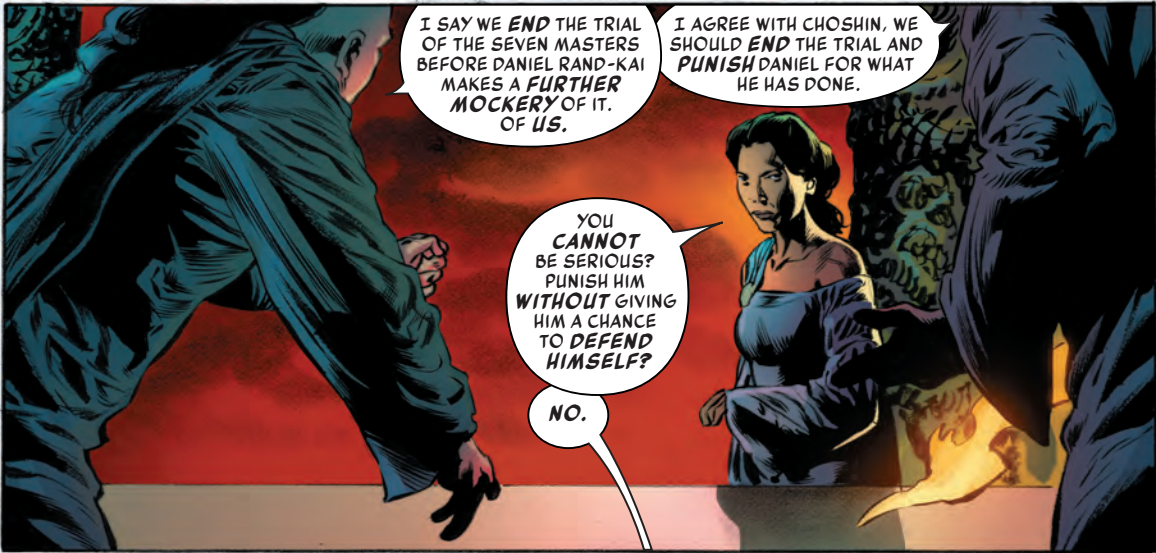


I SAY WE **END** THE TRIAL OF THE SEVEN MASTERS BEFORE DANIEL RAND-KAI MAKES A **FURTHER MOCKERY** OF IT. OF US.

I AGREE WITH CHOSHIN, WE SHOULD **END** THE TRIAL AND **PUNISH** DANIEL FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE.

YOU **CANNOT** BE SERIOUS? **PUNISH** HIM **WITHOUT** GIVING HIM A CHANCE TO **DEFEND** HIMSELF?

NO.



"THE TRIAL OF THE SEVEN MASTERS"

PART FOUR



WE LET THE OUTLANDER COMPLETE THE TRIAL OF THE SEVEN MASTERS.

TO DISQUALIFY HIM AFTER HE HAS BEATEN THREE OF OUR OWN WOULD ONLY MAKE US LOOK WEAK.

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IT WOULD MAKE IT LOOK AS THOUGH WE ARE AFRAID.

WE ARE NOT WEAK AND WE ARE NOT AFRAID. NOT OF HIM. NOT OF ANY.

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WE LET HIM FINISH THE TRIAL. BUT HE FINISHES HERE, WHERE WE CAN SUPERVISE AND HE CANNOT CHEAT.

AND WE DESTROY HIM. WE SHOW OUR PEOPLE THAT WE WILL NOT BUCKLE, THAT WE FOLLOW THROUGH ON WHAT WE PROMISE.

AND MY PROMISE IS THIS...

COLORS BY ANDY TROY LETTERS BY VC'S TRAVIS LANHAM



WHUMP

...DANIEL RAND-KAI WILL DIE BY MY HANDS!



MY HEAD...

AH HA...HE LIVES!



YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPING FOR EIGHTEEN HOURS. I WASN'T SURE THAT YOU WERE EVER GOING TO COME OUT OF IT.

I...WHERE... WHERE AM I? WHO ARE YOU?

I'M THE ONE WHO SAVED YOU FROM CHOSHIN'S MEN. DO YOU NOT REMEMBER?



I CAN'T REMEMBER. I...

OH MY GOD, HARK. THEY KILLED HARK AND...

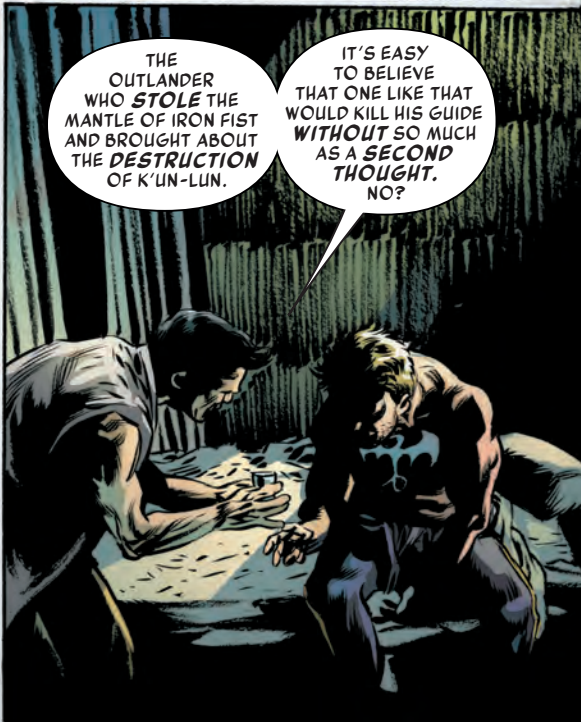
YES.

WHY?



I'M NOT SURE, BUT I HAVE MY **SUSPICIONS** THAT CHOSHIN IS OUT TO DESTROY YOUR REPUTATION.

NOT THAT YOUR REPUTATION HOLDS MUCH WATER HERE ON LIU-SHI.



THE OUTLANDER WHO **STOLE** THE MANTLE OF IRON FIST AND BROUGHT ABOUT THE **DESTRUCTION** OF K'UN-LUN.

IT'S EASY TO BELIEVE THAT ONE LIKE THAT WOULD KILL HIS GUIDE **WITHOUT** SO MUCH AS A **SECOND** THOUGHT. NO?